

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
 - a document table configured to set a document thereon;
 - 5 a scan section configured to optically read an image of the document set on said document table;
 - an input section configured to input an E-mail address;
 - 10 a judging section configured to judge whether the E-mail address inputted by said input section is an address registered in advance;
 - 15 a storing section configured to store the image read by said scan section if the judgment result of said judging section is positive;
 - 20 a first generating section configured to generate an E-mail having the E-mail address inputted by said input section as its destination address, and with a URL indicating a location of the stored image, if the judgment result of said judging section is positive;
 - 25 a second generating section configured to generate an E-mail having the E-mail address inputted by said input section as its destination address, and with the image read by said scan section, if the judgment result of said judging section is negative; and
 - 26 a transmitting section configured to transmit the E-mails generated in said respective generating

sections.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storing section is a server which is connected to said apparatus via a network.

5 3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the URL indicates a location of the stored image.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said judging section comprises: a first judging section
configured to judge whether the E-mail address inputted
10 by said input section has been registered in advance as
an object of security control; and a second judging
section configured to judge whether the E-mail address
inputted by said input section has been registered in
advance as an object of reporting the URL, if
15 a judgment result of said first judging section is
negative,

wherein said storing section stores the image read
by said scan section, if the judgment result of said
first judging section is positive,

20 wherein said first generating section generates
an E-mail having the E-mail address inputted by said
input section as its destination address, and with
a URL indicating a location of the stored image, if
the judgment result of said first judging section is
25 positive or the judgment result of said second judging
section is positive, and

wherein said second generating section generates

an E-mail having the E-mail address inputted by said input section as its destination address, and with the image read by said scan section, if the judgment result of said second judging section is negative.

5 5. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

 a paper storing section configured to store copying paper;

10 a taking out section configured to take out the copying paper in said paper storing section; and

15 a print section configured to print the image read by said scan section on the copying paper taken out by said taking out section.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

15 a paper storing section configured to store copying paper;

20 a taking out section configured to take out the copying paper in said paper storing section;

25 a printer-mode capturing section configured to capture an image transmitted from an external apparatus; and

30 a print section configured to print the image read by said scan section and the image captured by said capturing section on the copying paper taken out by said taking out section.

7. The apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising:

a paper storing section configured to store
copying paper;

5 a taking out section configured to taking out the
copying paper in said paper storing section;

a printer-mode capturing section configured to
capture an image transmitted from an external
apparatus;

10 a facsimile-mode receiving section configured to
receive a faxed image; and

a print section configured to print the image read
by said scan section, the image captured by said
capturing section, and the image received by said
receiving section on the copying paper taken out by
said taking out section.

8. The apparatus according to claim 4, further
comprising:

a paper storing section configured to store
copying paper;

20 a taking out section configured to taking out the
copying paper in said paper storing section; and

a print section configured to print the image read
by said scan section on the copying paper taken out by
said taking out section.

25 9. The apparatus according to claim 4, further
comprising:

a paper storing section configured to store

copying paper;

a taking out section configured to taking out the copying paper in said paper storing section;

5 a printer-mode capturing section configured to capture an image transmitted from an external apparatus; and

10 a print section configured to print the image read by said scan section and the image captured by said capturing section on the copying paper taken out by said taking out section.

10. The apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

a paper storing section configured to store copying paper;

15 a taking out section configured to taking out the copying paper in said paper storing section;

a printer-mode capturing section configured to capture an image transmitted from an external apparatus;

20 a facsimile-mode receiving section configured to receive a faxed image; and

25 a print section configured to print the image read by said scan section, the image captured by said capturing section, and the image received by said receiving section on the copying paper taken out by said taking out section.

11. An image forming apparatus comprising:

a document table for setting a document thereon;
scan means for optically reading an image of the
document set on said document table;

5 input means for inputting an E-mail address;
judging means for judging whether the E-mail
address inputted by said input means is an address
registered in advance;

10 storing means for storing the image read by said
scan means if the judgment result of said judging means
is positive;

15 first generating means for generating an E-mail
having the E-mail address inputted by said input means
as its destination address, and with a URL indicating
a location of the stored image, if the judgment result
of said judging means is positive;

20 second generating means for generating an E-mail
having the E-mail address inputted by said input means
as its destination address, and with the image read by
said scan means, if the judgment result of said judging
means is negative; and

transmitting means for transmitting the E-mails
generated in said respective generating means.

25 12. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein
said storing means is a server which is connected
to the apparatus via a network.

13. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein
the URL indicates a location of the stored image.

14. The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein
said judging means comprises: a first judging means for
judging whether the E-mail address inputted by said
input means has been registered in advance as an object
5 of security control; and a second judging means for
judging whether the E-mail address inputted by said
input means has been registered in advance as an object
of reporting the URL, if the judgment result of said
first judging means is negative,

10 wherein said storing means stores the image read
by said scan means, if the judgment result of said
first judging means is positive,

15 wherein said first generating means generates an
E-mail having the E-mail address inputted by said input
means as its destination address, and with a URL
indicating a location of the stored image, if the
judgment result of said first judging means is positive
or the judgment result of said second judging means is
positive, and

20 wherein said second generating means generates an
E-mail having the E-mail address inputted by said input
means as its destination address, and with the image
read by said scan means, if the judgment result of said
second judging means is negative.

25 15. The apparatus according to claim 11, further
comprising:

paper storing means for storing copying paper;

taking out means for taking out the copying paper
in said paper storing means; and

print means for printing the image read by said
scan means on the copying paper taken out by the taking
5 out means.

16. The apparatus according to claim 11, further
comprising:

paper storing means for storing copying paper;

10 taking out means for taking out the copying paper
in said paper storing means;

printer-mode capturing means for capturing an
image transmitted from an external apparatus; and

15 print means for printing the image read by said
scan means and the image captured by said capturing
means on the copying paper taken out by said taking out
means.

17. The apparatus according to claim 11, further
comprising:

paper storing means for storing copying paper;

20 taking out means for taking out the copying paper
in said paper storing means;

printer-mode capturing means for capturing
an image transmitted from an external apparatus;

25 facsimile-mode receiving means for receiving
a faxed image; and

print means for printing the image read by said
scan means, the image captured by the capturing means,

and the image received by said receiving means on the copying paper taken out by said taking out means.

18. A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, the image forming apparatus having:

- 5 a document table which sets a document thereon;
- a scan section which optically reads an image of the document set on the document table;
- a print section which prints the image read by the scan section on copying paper,
- 10 the method comprising:
 - judging whether an inputted E-mail address is an address registered in advance;
 - storing the image read by said scan section, if a result of the judging is positive;
 - 15 generating an E-mail having the inputted E-mail address as its destination address, and with a URL indicating a location of the stored image, if the result of the judging is positive;
 - generating an E-mail having the inputted E-mail address as its destination address, and with the image read by said scan section, if the result of the judging section is negative; and
 - 20 transmitting the generated E-mails.